Levi Clarifies Stand On CIA Prosecution

Attorney General Edward H. Levi says that he and not President Ford will decide whether to bring criminal charges against CIA personnel involved in assassination plots or domestic wrongdoing.

"The Attorney General has made clear to the President that [illegible] any prosecutorial [illegible] Justice Department spokesman Robert Feldkamp said yesterday. They did discuss this and Ford had no problem with it."

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Levi said last week [illegible] feel obligated [illegible] dent to comm[illegible] tion of the department, but would not expect the President to tell the department what to do."

The Washington Post quoted the President as saying Monday that he would "expect to be informed" by Levi prior to any prosecution of government officials for past CIA activities and "would certainly want to discuss the pros and cons" of any criminal charges.

Levi read The Post account and then "said there is plenty of room for the two statements to coexist," Feldkamp related. "The President certainly would be notified rountinely if any prosecution the department would initiate would [illegible] that [illegible] rity for [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] decision [illegible] the [illegible] decision [illegible] would not [illegible] President's [illegible] proceed with criminal charges," Feldkamp said.

Levi was not available. He and his family left yesterday for a week-long vacation in Wisconsin.